

REMARKS:

Claims 1-28 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 1-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,708,161 to Tenorio, et al. ("Tenorio").

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Submitted herewith is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 unequivocally declaring that the present inventor, Manoel Tenorio, conceived of the subject matter disclosed in Tenorio and claimed in the present application.

In accordance with MPEP 706.02(b), it is respectfully submitted that this Declaration obviates the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

For the reasons set forth herein, the Applicant submits that claims 1-28 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-28 be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 1-28 be allowed.

CONCLUSION:


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Enclosed is a Transmittal that includes an authorization for charging the \$120.00 One-Month Extension of time fee to **Deposit Account No. 500777**. No other fees are believed to be necessary. However, if any other fees should be required, the Director is hereby to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. **500777**. If the Request for Extension for Response is missing or insufficient, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed. Any fee required for such Petition for Extension of Time should be charged to Deposit Account No. **500777**.

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Respectfully submitted,

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